

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/761,752 filed on January 20, 2004. Claims 1-37 are pending in the application. Claims 16-35 are allowed. Claims 1, 7, 10-15, 36 and 37 are rejected. Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to verify that the entered PIN' is the transactional PIN' as distinguished from the enrollment PIN.

The applicant believes the amendments to Claims 11-14 also places the claims in allowable form under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 7, 10, 36, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dickson (US 6,736,313) in view of Morris (US 6,460,138). Claims 2-6, 8, and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 7 and amended Claims 2, 5, and 8 into independent form including base and intervening claims, thereby placing Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 in allowable form.

Claim 10 is amended into allowable form as being made dependent on Claim 8 which is amended into allowable form as directed by the Examiner.

Applicant has amended Claims 36 and 37 to distinguish over the cited references. The claims are allowable on the basis that the references do not disclose "at least one of the processors being capable of performing a method for off-line Personal Identification Number

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(PIN) verification comprising . . . entering an initialization PIN to the smart card at an enrollment system, generating a reference signature on the initialization PIN using the unique key and the initialization PIN, storing the reference signature on the smart card, and discarding the PIN after signature generation."

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-35 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's notification of allowability of the claims.

New Claims

New Claim 38 is added which applicant believes distinguishes over the references. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe Claims 2-6 and 8-38 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

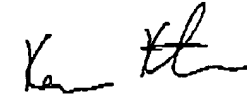
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